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VILLA BANDITS MAY TAKE VAST WEALTH IN RAIDS

VILLA DECLARES HE WILL FORCE INTERVENTION BY DARING DEPREDACTIONS

WILL MURDER EVERY GRINGO HE MEETS

VAST SUMS OF GOLD GRABBED BY BANDIT HEAD; HAS 5,000 FOLLOWERS

(BULLETIN.)
By Associated Press
Yaleta, Tex., Jan. 22.—Five Mexicans, members of a band of Mexican cattle thieves, shot and killed Bert Akers, a young rancher of this city, according to a story told by Douglas Downs, a companion. The men were seeking cattle stolen from the American ranches when they were attacked by the Mexicans who wore the uniforms of the Villa army.

(BULLETIN.)
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—Report reached this city this afternoon that three detachments of Carranza troops had Villa surrounded and a big battle is now in progress.

Bombs in Rags—Maybe.
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—Customs officers opened fire on several Mexicans who were attempting to cross the international border with a large bundle of rags. The Mexicans fled. The immigration authorities recently forbade the importation of rags because of the danger of infection. It is thought the Mexicans had bombs concealed in the rags.

(By Associated Press.)
El Paso, Tex., Jan. 22.—That a plan is on foot by Villa and his followers to force intervention by murdering Americans and destroying American property and robbing rich mines, is no longer doubted. A former friend and follower of Villa, who is now with the Carranza army, told of the plans today.
At the Alvarado company mines there is a treasure room considered to be proof against any assault. It is a cave in granite, reinforced by a wall 12 feet thick, consisting of railroad iron filled in with concrete. No information has been divulged concerning the amount of bullion in this vault, but the average shipment heretofore has been \$500,000 per month.
This treasure stronghold is said to

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"GRANDFATHER" CASES ARE DISMISSED

Washington, Jan. 22.—Where the questions were similar to those in the case of Beall and Quinn, the Oklahoma election officers pardoned by the President, Attorney General Gregory instructed District Attorney Fain at Guthrie to dismiss several cases pending in the Federal Court of Oklahoma growing out of enforcement of the grandfather clause. The cases were set for trial next Monday.
It was pointed out that the government had obtained a ruling on the constitutionality of the act, and the defendants, as in the instance of Beall and Quinn, had operated with no criminal intent. This was one of the reasons for the pardoning of Beall and Quinn.

THE WAR A YEAR AGO TODAY

Jan. 22, 1915.
Fierce fighting in Martians-well-known region.
New Russian army neared Prussian border.
Russian invasion of Hungary was halted.
German submarine sank British steamer Durward.
Maj. Gen. Sam Hughes began enacting third Canadian contingent.
Russia ordered expulsion of Austrian and German subjects.

Eight of the Nineteen Mining Men Assassinated in Mexico



RUSSIAN SUPPLY SHIP DAMAGED BY FIRE BUGS

CORFU IS SEIZED BECAUSE OF SUBMARINE BASES; U-BOAT DEPOT FOUND

(BULLETIN.)
(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 22.—The Norwegian freight steamer Sygna, put back to this port today after sailing yesterday for Archangel with a large cargo of provisions for Russia. The steamer had a fire in her hold, which is now being controlled. It is thought the fire is of an incendiary origin.

Germans Burn Belgian Houses.
Paris, Jan. 22.—A dispatch from Havre says a report has just been issued by the Belgian government giving the number of houses in the various provinces of Belgium which the report says were burned by the Germans as 18,909.

Teutonic Allies Not Idle.

London, Jan. 22.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News says that the total booty of the Teutonic allies during 17 months of war is summed up in Vienna as follows:
Nearly 2,000,000 prisoners, 10,000 guns, 10,000 machine guns, while 470,000 square kilometers of enemy territory has been occupied.

Seize U-Boat Depot.

London, Jan. 22.—Seizure by the French of the Greek island of Corfu is now known to have been due chiefly to the location there of an Austro-German submarine base. A second base has been located in the narrow

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GEO. PRUITT, PROMINENT CRESCENT CITIZEN, DEAD

George Pruitt, prominent citizen of north Logan county, resident of Crescent City for many years, died today at the Methodist hospital where he was placed Tuesday after an unsuccessful effort was made by his relatives to take him to Rochester, Minnesota for an operation. After reaching Kansas City, Mr. Pruitt's condition became so serious that further effort to take him to Rochester was abandoned and he was hurried to the Methodist hospital here in a dying condition, where every attention was given him.

The immediate cause of his death was cancer of the stomach, which Dr. Blesh of Oklahoma City pronounced incurable. Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at Crescent City Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Here are eight of the nineteen mining men killed under orders of Villa soldiers in Mexico. Seven of them are Americans employed in the mining company at Cucl. They are from left to right: Ernest I. Robin-

ASKS \$25,000 WILSON'S PLAN FOR DEFENSE OF PREPAREDNESS 2 CENT RATE LAW IS ENDORSED

MESSAGE FOR LEGAL FUND AND ALSO LIMITING EXTRA SESSIONS

Oklahoma City, Jan. 22.—The first week of the extra session of the legislature closes with but little work done toward shaping emergency legislation. Both the house and senate held short sessions, Saturday. Appropriation bills were passed by the house. One carries \$5,000 for per diem and mileage of members and another \$35,000 for salaries of employees.

The senate passed the anti-amalgamation bill. The senate amended the bill so as to provide that officers found guilty of failing to enforce the law, in addition to being fined, shall be removed from office and cannot hold office again for a period of two years.

Gov. Williams sent a message to the legislature embracing a variety of subjects, the principal ones follow:

Recommendation that \$5,000 be transferred from fund of \$48,750 previously appropriated for maintenance of the University Preparatory school

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ANOTHER CHAPTER IN THE HARTSHORNE CASE

FRED GEIS, FORMER GUTHRIE MAN IS SUED BY DR. SEIFERT FOR DAMAGES

Special to The Daily Leader.
Oklahoma City, Jan. 22.—In an amended answer to E. F. Seifert's \$20,000 alienation suit against him, Fred Geis of Guthrie denies every allegation made in Seifert's petition and charges that the plaintiff alone was responsible for Marie Seifert losing her affection for him. Geis states that he at no time had improper relations with Seifert's wife, and that the conduct of Seifert had caused her to cease to care for him two years before the alienation suit was filed.

Geis charges that Seifert was unethically intimate with Emma Hartshorne for more than a year, that he lived with her in a house near his sanitarium at Guthrie and left his wife to care for the patients and do do-

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not, chemist of the company; R. P. McElation, secretary; T. M. Evans, Maurice Anderson, W. J. Wallace, general manager; W. B. Romero, a Mexican; G. W. Newman, a mining engineer, and C. H. Watson, superintendent.

WILSON'S PLAN FOR DEFENSE OF PREPAREDNESS 2 CENT RATE LAW IS ENDORSED

MESSAGE FOR LEGAL FUND AND ALSO LIMITING EXTRA SESSIONS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—Unqualified endorsement of the administration's continental army plan was given by Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war during the Taft administration, in an address before the National Security League today. "If congress is not ready yet to sanction universal training," said he, "measures which are enacted should be those which, as far as they go, are in accord with this great fundamental duty and which, as time passes, and experience ripens, will lead most naturally to the establishment of such a system."

ENOCH CARTER WILL HOLD SERIES OF RECEPTIONS

UNDER NEW LAW TAXPAYERS MUST CALL ON ASSESSOR TO LIST PROPERTY; SOFT

It is now the people's turn to visit the county assessor. And how you really is not the issue. And further more, the assessments promise to be many and large.

The assessment season opened on January 15th. From that date to March 1st is the period designated by the assessor for listing property in the city of Guthrie.

From March 1 to April 1, the assessor will take the returns in the townships and villages. Under a new law the assessor is not required to go out and hunt the property owners; they must hunt him up and tell all about their worldly possessions.

At noon today there had been only about a dozen returns for 1915. There were about half a dozen yesterday, and that then the people will come. It is assumed there will be a gradual increase until the last week or so in the month and then the swarms to the assessor's office at the 11th hour.

"It's my turn to entertain the boys—and girls too," said Assessor Carter today.

H. L. Nixon, who sold Hercules water on the east side of state died Thursday at Cushing.

AVALANCHE OF SNOW HURLED 30 PEOPLE TO DEATH

DINER AND DAY COACH ON GREAT NORTHERN P. R. GOES OVER PRECIPICE

(BULLETIN.)
(By Associated Press.)
Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22.—The first passenger reached in the day coach was a small boy, dangerously injured. The next two passengers found were dead, one was a woman. The five employees of the diner were found dead. A pullman conductor was found dead.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22.—Great Northern train No. 25, Cascade limited from Spokane, was struck by a snowslide near Coeur station, on the west slope of the Cascades near the summit today.

The train was standing still when hit. The dining car and day coach received the full force of the avalanche and were carried down the embankment three hundred feet.

All persons in the two cars are believed to have been killed or injured. Coeur is one hundred and twenty miles east of Seattle and is the second station down the west slope from the Cascade tunnel.

It is thought that not less than 20 persons were in the day coach and diner when the slide struck the train. It is nearly certain that all are dead. The cars were hurled over the embankment like a stone from a catapult. A train of doctors and workmen are on the way to the scene.

OPINION AS TO LND CONVEYANCE, IMPORTANT

THAT DEED HELD BY MINOR MAY BE MADE VALID BY NEW DEED

An important decision by Justice Blackmore of the supreme court commission, handed down this week, takes some of the poignancy out of the recent decision of the supreme court by Justice Turner in the case of Carter vs. the Prairie Oil and Gas company, which upset a lot of land titles, as it hinges upon construction of a law of congress of May 27, 1908, which superseded the law of April 26, 1904, which was the basis of the Turner opinion. The case decided by Justice Blackmore was that of Sarah Henley vs. Fred W. Davis appealed from Muskogee county.

The opinion in effect is that a deed made by a minor and therefore void may be made after majority to the same parties for the same consideration and be valid. This is exactly op-

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VACANCIES WILL NOT BE FILLED, SAYS SOLON

GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION IN VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTION, SAYS CARPENTER

Oklahoma City, Jan. 22.—The vacancies existing in the House and Senate of the present legislature will not be filled by appointment; the procedure is in violation of the constitution and would be a dangerous precedent even if it were legal, said Senator Carpenter today. "There is no ill feeling between the members opposed to this matter, as regards Gov. Williams. It is really a matter upon which the majority membership of the House and Senate disagree with the chief executive," he added. "If the vacancies are filled the governor must call a special election for that purpose."

GROUP THREE OF BANKERS' ASS'N. TO MEET HERE

Two years ago Guthrie entertained "Group Three" of the state bankers' association. And the entertainment was so complete and was enjoyed so thoroughly that the "Group" wanted to return again the following year. But the Guthrie bankers failed to extend the invitation last year. This year they will again entertain the "group" at the lone hotel. It is estimated that at least 300 visitors will be here, many coming from the eastern states. The program will be a good one.

The itinerary of the special train, as taken from the Oklahoma Banker:
The annual group meeting tour of the Oklahoma Bankers' association will start from Oklahoma City on the morning of Monday, February 21st, and all group meetings will be held that week as follows:
Group 1, Enid, February 21st;
Group 2, Chickasha, February 22nd;
Group 3, Ada, February 23rd; Group 4, Guthrie, February 24th; Group 5, Vinita, February 25th.

REV. F. G. MURRAY HAS PASSED BEYOND

Rev. F. G. Murray died at the hospital at 5 o'clock this morning. Three weeks ago Rev. Murray received a paralytic stroke at Enid, since then he has been in a state of coma, never regaining consciousness. Mr. Murray was for six years district superintendent of the Oklahoma City district of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was recently appointed field agent of the Methodist Hospital and was working in the hospital's interests when stricken.

The funeral services will be held in First M. E. church, Oklahoma City, at 2:30 o'clock Monday.

GRAB MUCH BOOZE.

Forty-two gallons of booze, representing twenty-six consignments were grabbed by the county officials during the past three days on a search and seizure warrant issued out of Justice Hornaday's court on request of County Attorney Arthur Swank.

The officers seized any shipment that looked like booze and as a result the "strong room" in the sheriff's office now contains most anything from "ferod" lightning to "Four Roses."

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FLOOD WATERS DO GREAT DAMAGE IN ILLINOIS

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 22.—The flood waters in Illinois are receding at Joliet and Aurora. Elgin suffered the most. All streets and basements were flooded. Much of the lowland is inundated, the residents being driven from their homes. The damage is great.

REBELS VICTORIOUS.

(By Associated Press.)
Peking, Jan. 22.—Rebels in the province of Yunnan defeated the government troops today and are moving northward.

Old papers for sale at The Leader office.

TINY STAMP CONVEYS STORY OF BLACK DEATH

BLACK BORDER AND SINGLE WORD "DECEDE" UNFOLDS TRAGEDY

SWISS PEOPLE HAVE MORTALITY BUREAU

IN THE HEART OF CARNAGE THE NAMES OF FALLEN SOLDIERS ARE LISTED

(By Associated Press.)
Bern, Switzerland, Jan. 22.—There is one small postage stamp, with a black border and the single word: "decide" (dead); which represents a greater tragedy than any battle in the present war. It is the stamp used by the international mail service, conducted by the Swiss government, between the prisoners of war of all nations and their families, on letters directed to soldiers who have fallen at the front or died in hospital.

A large table is piled high with these letters, each bearing the fatal stamp "decide." This is but one mail, and each day's mail piles the table again. They are to families in England, Germany, France, Turkey, Austria, Japan—the entire range of fighting countries—for Switzerland has taken over the entire work of administering this mail service between families and their men at the front.

For a small country it is an enormous work that Switzerland has thus assumed, bearing the entire expense without a penny's charge to anyone. Located right in the heart of the carnage, with the fighting nations on every side, Switzerland is peculiarly placed for effectively carrying on this humanitarian work. It is like the diplomatic work which the United States assumed for the different countries, but the magnitude of the work is probably greater owing to the vastness of these daily mails between all the fighting countries. And yet Switzerland does this work simply and without noise, and few know of the extent of the undertaking.

Accompanied by Secretary Breny of the post office department, who is in direct charge of the work, The Associated Press representative saw its many branches of activity in full operation. Even the big general post office of Switzerland was not adequate to carry on this international work, and the huge gymnasium was brought into service. Here the trapezes and flying rings have been looped to the side walls, along with rows of Indian clubs and dumb bells, giving a free open space for the enormous influx of soldier mail. Long trains of mail vans are at the door, and some thirty or fifty wagon loads of this mail are handled daily—letters to Bombay for Turkish prisoners there by the English, or to Nagasaki, Japan, for German prisoners held there by Japan, as well as the nearby transmission between France, Germany, England, Austria, Italy, Bulgaria, Serbia, Belgium.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I'm quite a foot-ball star this year. (I know I shouldn't boast.) I haven't played so very well. But I've been hurt the most.



(By Associated Press.)
New Orleans, La., Jan. 22.—Tonight and Sunday fair. Colder tonight in south portion of eastern Oklahoma.